

FMTV... Plugged Gladhand Can *Lock* Brakes

I'M GONNA
PLUG THAT
LEAKING
GLADHAND!



DON'T, UNLESS YOU WANT
MY PARKING BRAKE TO FAIL!

Resist the urge to plug a leaking front air system gladhand on your FMTV truck. If it's plugged, the parking brake won't be able to lock the spring brakes on the rear wheels.

The gladhands must vent as designed when the truck is placed in SYSTEM PARK so it won't roll away. Any plug used to seal off a gladhand takes away the venting.



MAKE SURE
I'M NOT
PLUGGED!

If the spring brake system doesn't work right, the truck will roll when put in SYSTEM PARK. Then that truck you were sure would stay where you left it could end up really close to you—maybe too close!

So when you've got a front gladhand leak, get a mechanic to fix it. Most of the time, the problem can be fixed by servicing or replacing the one-way check valve inside the front gladhands.

Note that your truck's rear brake could also seize in freezing temperatures. If your rear brake seizes, check to see if there is snow or ice on the front bumper's service gladhand vent.

If there is, remove the snow and ice by lightly tapping the gladhand vent. That may solve the problem.

If it doesn't, wait about 10 minutes to see if that makes a difference. That short delay can sometimes produce good results.

Still have the brake problem? Time for a mechanic to do some brake troubleshooting.

DRIVERS, GET
A MECHANIC TO
FIX A GLADHAND
LEAK. IT'S NOT
YOUR JOB!

